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Title: ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANES, METHODS AND  
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF AND  
USES IN SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

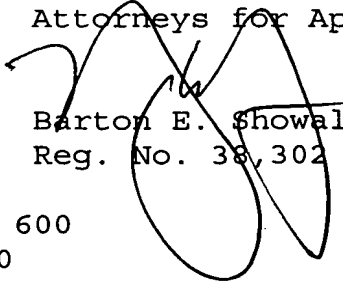
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Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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